

# Surrey County Football Association Limited

## General Meeting

Minutes of the General Meeting held on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2016 at County Office commencing at 7.30pm.

### Present

#### County Members:

Peter Ashdown, Sue Aspinwall, Soye Briggs, Lee Cable, Brian Carroll, Alan Clarke, Bryan Croucher, Nick Drew, Richard Garner, Gordon Harrison, Dermot Hennessy, Alan Higgins, Barrie Hogan, Richard Ireson, Mike Jerney, Graham Keable, Michael Lawrence, Dave Letley, Ray Lewis, Bruce McLaren, Tony Newman, Les Pharo, Sheila Pink, Ray Register, Vic Rolland, Bill Savill, John Tasker, John Waddelow, Phil Whatling, Colin White, Rod Wood

Caroline McRoyall, Kris Westbrook, Emma Barnes, Anne-Marie Cliffe, Michael Green, Derek Stovold

#### Clubs:

Ash United FC (Paul Blair), Dorking FC, Fulham FC Foundation Ladies, Meadow Sports FC (Jack Lee), Wandgas

#### Leagues & Competitions:

Leatherhead & District FL (Bob Woods), Morden & District Sunday FL (Jeff Martin), Surrey Primary Youth FL (Scott Brundish)

### Apologies

#### County Members:

Derek Alldridge MBE, Lawrie Baker, Colin Barnett, Steve Cottingham, Ray Cotton, Les Edwards, Graham Ellis, Brian Fish, Alan Holmes, Scott Kemp, Tim Lawrence, Pam Lomax, Roy Lomax, Tony Loveridge, Hanna Newton, Gerry O'Neill, John Owen, Malcolm Randall, Brian Reader, Mike Reilly, Howard Taylor, Brian Walsh, Gordon Worsfold, John Young

#### Clubs:

AFC Brooklands, Bourne Blades, Burpham, Egham Town, Hale Rovers, Haslemere Town Youth, Holmbury St Mary, Meadow Sports, Milford & Witley, Molesey Juniors, Reigate Road Rangers, Roehampton Rangers, Sutton United Girls, The Wheatsheaf, Virginia Water, Vitoria

#### Leagues:

Guildford & Woking Alliance, South Surrey Youth

**1. Apologies**

The County President, Ray Lewis, chaired the meeting and welcomed those present.

Apologies were taken as read.

**2. Adoption of the Accounts for the period 1<sup>st</sup> July 2015 to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2016**

Nick Drew advised that the Accounts were detailed on the SCFA website and presented an overview. Referring to Income & Expenditure, he highlighted a turnover of £1,043,215 with a surplus of £5,228. Income from Discipline covered some of the relocation costs and this has been absorbed rather than taken from reserves. The year closed with a healthy cash balance and the proceeds from the sale of the Leatherhead office will be used to fund the new venture. Details of this can be found in the accounts.

No queries were raised and it was proposed that the Accounts be approved. Ray asked for a show of hands in agreement and all agreed.

**3. Adoption of the Benevolent Fund Accounts for the period 1<sup>st</sup> July 2015 to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2016**

Referring to the Benevolent Fund Accounts, Nick advised that these could be found on the SCFA website and there are funds available during the next year if required.

It was proposed that the Benevolent Fund Accounts be approved. Ray asked for a show of hands in agreement and all agreed.

Proxy Forms were received in relation to Agenda Items 2 & 3 from the following:

For: 8 Votes

Roy Lomax  
AFC Brooklands  
Haslemere Town Youth  
Molesey Juniors  
Roehampton Rangers  
The Wheatsheaf  
Virginia Water  
Vitoria

Against: 0 Votes

**4. Strategy Update Presentation**

Caroline McRoyall presented a strategy update for the period July to December 2016. This included figures on participation levels, referee registration, referee

and coach diversity and usage of the Whole Game System figures. Caroline provided an update on the Equality Standard Intermediate Application progress, as well as highlighting the recent award achieved by the County. Caroline then introduced Emma Barnes, Senior Football Development Officer.

Emma displayed info graphics highlighting Football Development projects and their targets for the season. Emma then gave an update on the projects delivered between July and Dec 2016 in the following areas; inclusion, children & young people, women & girls, recreational football, and adult participation.

Michael Green, Football Services Officer (Discipline) reported that the FA are looking to resolve cases within 60-70 days and that the Football Services team are involved in weekly Raising Standards Working Group meetings. Michael gave a breakdown of discipline investigations to date and how clubs can assist with the process. Referring to player registration Michael gave an update on the rollout, clubs and leagues are to be encouraged to register all players on Whole Game System. Guidance relating to this will be sent in March 2017 but registration will not be mandatory.

A query was raised asking if an abandoned match involved one team from SCFA and one team from another CFA, would the cases be dealt with together or separately. Michael responded that they are currently dealt with separately but SCFA are now liaising with other CFAs in order to have one county leading the investigation.

Another attendee asked if all clubs at other CFAs are required to respond within 7 days as is the case at SCFA. Michael advised that this does not occur at present but the aim is for all CFAs to be the same in this regard.

The increase in discipline cases was raised and whether there was any reason for this increase. Caroline replied that there was an awareness of the complaint process along with Whole Game System allowing referees to report cases easily.

The issue of player registration was queried and if photographs were required. Derek Stovold advised that photographs were not necessary and only new players need to be added if using Full Time, adding that information on Whole Game System would assist with loading player details.

Caroline highlighted that details of new staff members and current vacancies can be found on the SCFA website, along with office closures at Christmas. She updated the meeting regarding Meadowbank and reminded them that Long Service Award application forms should be submitted before the end of January 2017.

Ray Lewis added that any proposals for FA 50 Year Awards should be sent to Caroline for Ray to take to the FA.

**5. Youth Forum Presentation**

Peter Harding stated that the aim of the Youth Forum is to provide views from young people in the County to the committees. Each member of the forum then introduced themselves and explained their role. The D.E.V.E.L.O.P. Strategy was explained along with targets and projects being outlined. The meeting was requested to follow them on Twitter and Caroline asked committee members to consider how their views can be utilised.

**6. Any other relevant business as admitted by the Chairman**

As there was no other business Ray Lewis closed the meeting at 8-18pm and thanked all present for attending.